

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.171(c), the status of the claims are as follows:

Claims 1-12 are pending in the Reissue application.

Claims 1-7 are original claims in U.S. Patent 6,414,927.

Claims 8-12 are newly added.

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.

No new matter has been added.

II. EXPLANATION OF SUPPORT IN DISCLOSURE FOR AMENDMENTS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.171(c), the explanation of support in the disclosure for the amendment is as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended to change the term "disk discriminating means" to --a disk discriminator--, eliminating any possible means plus function interpretation of this limitation. Claim 1 has also been further amended to conform to this change as well as being amended to place existing language in better grammatical form.

Claim 3 has been amended to place the existing language in better grammatical form.

Claims 8-14 have been added to recite a method of ejecting a disk from a disk loading apparatus. Support for the method recited in claim 8 may be found at least at column 1, line 59 through column 2, line 10. Support for the method further recited in dependent claim 9 may be found at least at column 2, lines 10-14. Support for the method further recited in dependent claim 10 may be found at least at column 2, lines 15-20.

Support for the method further recited in dependent claim 11 may be found at least at column 2, lines 15 and 20-22. Support for the method further recited in dependent claim 12 may be found at least at column 2, lines 15 and 23-24.

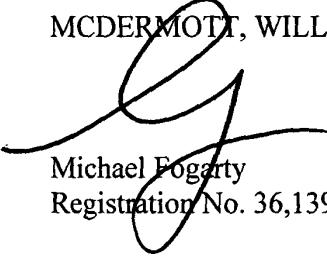
III. CONCLUSION

Patentee submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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